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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 7 and 8 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-4 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hama et al (6,944,481 hereinafter Hama) in view of JP 2002064599 (Yamada Ichiro hereinafter Yamada) further in view of Bradley et al (5,805,067 hereinafter Bradley).

Regarding claim 1. Hama teaches a mobile communication terminal (figure 1c) including a lamp for incoming call notification (see LED 117 figure 1c), the terminal comprising:

one lamp for incoming call notification externally mounted on the mobile communication terminal (see LED 117 figure 1c located on outside of flip cover), and display control means internally mounted on the mobile communication terminal for controlling the lamp (see item 120 figure 2).

Hama does not explicitly show two LEDs being used for incoming call notification.

Yamada also teaches a flip-type mobile phone (see figures 1-5 and abstract). Yamada teaches prior art having LED at the bottom of flip cover cannot easily be seen

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when placed into shirt pocket (paragraphs 0001 – 0009). Yamada invention places LEDs (item(s) 20 shown in figures) across the hinge area (see figures 1-2 and 5, paragraphs 0001 – 0039 especially paragraph 0017 wherein plurality of LEDs maybe placed on hinge and used to indicate incoming call, incoming mail, music download and battery charging functions) so that incoming call, mail and battery charge maybe easily seen when mobile phone is folded and placed into shirt pocket.

It would have been obvious for any one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to utilize the teachings of Yamada into the teachings of Hama in order to notify user of incoming call when the mobile phone is folded and placed into pocket.

Hama in view of Yamada fail to teach LEDs used for Left or Right turn information.

Bradley teaches cellular telephone with GPS and uses four LEDs to indicate North, South, East and West (col. 3 line 57 – col. 4 line 19, col. 8 lines 36-44) so users will know their position.

It would have been obvious for any one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to utilize the teachings of Bradley into the teachings of Hama and Yamada in order to not only notify user of incoming call when the mobile phone is folded and placed into pocket but to inform user of their position by using LEDs.

Regarding claim 2. Yamada discloses that LEDs maybe placed horizontally across hinge area including side hinge areas (16 and 26 figures 1- 2 and 5, paragraph 0017).

Regarding claim 3. Hama teaches LED (117 figure 1c) blinks green when there is incoming call and red during recharging of the folding communication terminal (col. 7 line 17 – col. 8 line 44). Yamada also teaches LEDs may change color to distinguish between incoming call, mail, music downloading and battery charge (see all especially paragraph 0017).

Regarding claim 4. Hama teaches LED (117 figure 1c) blinks green or red (col. 8 lines 32-34). Yamada also discloses that the flashing period of LED maybe changed to distinguish incoming call from arrival of mail (paragraph 0017).

Regarding claim 9. Hama in view of Yamada fail to teach left turn or right turn information.

Bradley teaches cellular telephone with GPS and uses four LEDs to indicate North, South, East and West (col. 3 line 57 – col. 4 line 19, col. 8 lines 36-44) so users will know their position.

It would have been obvious for any one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to utilize the teachings of Bradley into the teachings of Hama and Yamada in order to not only notify user of incoming call when the mobile phone is folded and placed into pocket but to inform user of their position by using LEDs.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 5 and 7-8 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 and 9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barry W. Taylor, telephone number (571) 272-7509, who is available Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost, can be reached at (571) 272-7872. The central facsimile phone number for this group is **571-273-8300**.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group 2600 receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600, the 2600 Customer Service telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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